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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	9184	Agenda Number	39.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with the Austin Tenant's Council in an amount not to exceed \$288,729, to fund and administer the Tenant's Rights Assistance program for community education and protection under tenant protection laws.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. Funding is contingent upon available funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 24, 2009 – Council approved a contract for \$288,729 with a one-year extension option in a total contract amount not to exceed \$577,458.
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, 974-3182.
Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Tenant's Council (ATC) assists tenants in protecting their housing rights and educates the community on fair housing. The ATC's programs focus on housing discrimination; tenant-landlord education and information; and housing repair and rehabilitation. The contract term shall be from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

Under this contract, the ATC shall:

- Provide mediation and related services to assist at least 549 clients to resolve housing code issues with their landlords;
- Provide mediation services to at least 100 eligible clients in general housing matters;
- Conduct at least 15 workshops and public forums to provide education and information on tenant/landlord relationships, tenant's rights and the Fair Housing Act; and;
- Investigate complaints of violations of the Fair Housing Act.